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REMARKS

The Examiner has maintained the rejections against claims 11, 16-19, 21-22 and 31-32 as being unpatentable over Marchal (GB 2063710) and claims 29-30 as being unpatentable over Marchal as modified by Su (US 5462782).

In the Office Action, the Examiner states on pages 3 and 6 that a "different adhesive pattern provided on the top surface and the bottom surface would provide for different adhesive strengths". Such a distinction is also made by the Examiner on page 8 of the Office Action.

Accordingly, the Examiner does not assert that the reference teaches providing a different adhesive strength to the top and bottom surfaces of the tape while providing the same adhesive coating pattern to the top and bottom surfaces of the tape. The Examiner would not be able to argue that Marchal teaches such limitations because the purpose of Marchal is to change the adhesive strength by providing differing patterns on the top and bottom surfaces of the tape. *In re Larson*, 340 F.2d 854, 144 U.S.P.Q. 347 (CCPA 1965) (a proposed modification to a reference cannot eliminate a desired feature).

According, Applicant has amended claim 11, 27 and 32 to recite that the same adhesive coating pattern is applied to the top and bottom surfaces of the

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adhesive tape. Support for this recitation is found on page 7, second paragraph of the filed substitute specification which states that the "coating may be applied flatly, i.e., in a planar manner...[or] arranged substantially in the form of stripes on the surfaces."

Based on the above amendments, Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims are patentable over the art.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) or fee(s) deficiency or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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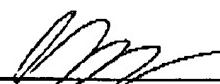
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